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Classified By: AMB SAM FOX for reasons 1. (B), (D), and (G).

1. (S/NOFORN) At a special meeting arranged by Ambassador Fox, Prime Minister Yves Leterme, was briefed by C/GRPO and A/LAT on the developing security situation related to Al Qaeda senior leadership's apparent interest in Belgium's chemical/industrial infrastructure. The PM listened intently and his diplomatic advisor Geert Muylle took notes.

2. (S/NOFORN) Comment: The PM meeting served to underscore at the highest levels the seriousness of the threats and the need for the information to get down to the ministerial and working levels in the Belgian government. It is obvious from our meeting with the Justice Minister (reftel) this goal is being realized; Vandeurzen was well briefed and he expressed the desire for close cooperation and information-sharing with the U.S. at every opportunity. End Comment.

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